

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): Treads according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 23, characterized in that the vulcanization is carried out at a temperature of between 140 and 170°C.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The tire tread according to Claim ~~[[17]]~~ 24, wherein the vulcanization is carried out at a temperature between 140 and 170°C.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The tire tread according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 23, wherein said silica has a BET surface of between 100 and 250 m²/g, a CTAB surface of between 100 and 250 m²/g and an oil absorption between 150 and 250 m/100 g.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The tire tread according to Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 23, wherein said elastomeric composition comprises 2 to 50 parts by weight of carbon black per 100 parts by weight of (a).

Claim 23 (New): A tire tread obtained by vulcanizing an elastomeric composition with sulphur and/or sulphur donors at a temperature of between 130 and 180°C, wherein said elastomeric composition comprises:

a) 100 parts by weight of an elastomeric mixture comprising

1) from 20 to 100% by weight of an epoxidated elastomer having an epoxidation degree, defined by the number of moles of epoxidated double bonds, of between 2.27 and 5%, said elastomer being derived from the polymerization of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene, and

2) from 0 to 80% by weight of an elastomer selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, a polybutadiene, a diolefin elastomer and a copolymer of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene;

b) from 10 to 150 parts by weight of silica per 100 parts by weight of (a);

c) of from 0 to 150 parts by weight of carbon black per 100 parts by weight of a);
said tire tread not containing silane as a compatibilizing agent.

Claim 24 (New): A tire tread consisting essentially of:

a) 100 parts by weight of an elastomeric mixture comprising

1) from 20 to 100% by weight of an epoxidated elastomer having an epoxidation degree, defined by the number of moles of epoxidated double bonds, of between 2.27 and 5%, said elastomer being derived from the polymerization of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene, and

2) from 0 to 80% by weight of an elastomer selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, a polybutadiene, a diolefin elastomer and a copolymer of a monovinylarene with a conjugated diene;

b) from 10 to 150 parts by weight of silica per 100 parts by weight of (a);

c) of from 0 to 150 parts by weight of carbon black per 100 parts by weight of a);
said tire tread not containing silane as a compatibilizing agent.

Claim 25 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 23, wherein the weight ratio between monovinylarene and the conjugated diene is from 10/90 to 40/60.

Claim 26 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 23, herein the elastomeric mixture (a) comprises from 40 to 100% by weight of an elastomer deriving from the polymerization of the monovinylarene with the conjugated diene.

Claim 27 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 23, wherein the elastomer deriving from the polymerization of the monovinylarene with the conjugated diene is a statistic styrene-buta-diene copolymer (SBR).

Claim 28 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 23, wherein the quantity of silica is from 10 to 80 phr and the quantity of carbon black is from 2 to 50 phr.

Claim 29 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 23, wherein the quantity of silica is from 30 to 60 phr and the quantity of carbon black is from 3 to 30 phr.

Claim 30 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 24, wherein the weight ratio between the monovinylarene and the conjugated diene is from 10/90 to 40/60.

Claim 31 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 24, wherein the elastomeric mixture (a) comprises from 40 to 100% by weight of an elastomer deriving from the polymerization of the monovinylarene with the conjugated diene.

Claim 32 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 2, wherein the elastomer deriving from the polymerization of the monovinylarene with the conjugated diene is a statistic styrene-butadiene copolymer (SBR).

Claim 33 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 24, wherein the quantity of silica is from 10 to 80 phr and the quantity of carbon black is from 2 to 50 phr.

Claim 34 (New): The elastomeric composition according to claim 24, wherein the quantity of silica is from 30 to 60 phr and the quantity of carbon black is from 3 to 30 phr.